

**Community Service Network 1 Meeting
Aroostook Community Action Program, Presque Isle, ME
January 28, 2010**

DRAFT Minutes

Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Acadia Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dorothea Dix Psych. Ctr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Day Counseling Services – Danielle Perry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allies, Inc. – Excused	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harvest Inn Social Club – Excused	<input type="checkbox"/>	NFI North, Inc.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aroostook Mental Health Center – Christine Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Houlton Regional Hospital – Vicky Hardy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Maine General
<input type="checkbox"/>	Care & Comfort – Chris Morse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kindred Spirits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern Maine Medical Center – Patricia Michaud
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cary Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Life by Design – Blair McCartney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Aroostook Medical Center – Laura Turner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consumer Council – Vickie McCarty	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAMI-ME-Families		

Others present: Gateways, PA: Lou Ann Dwyer, MMC/Employment Services Network: Justin McBreairty & Gayla Dwyer

Staff Present: DHHS OAMHS: Sue Lauritano and Scott Kilcollins **Muskie Staff:** Scott Bernier

Agenda Item	Discussion
I. Welcome and Introductions	Sue welcomed participants; introductions followed.
II. Review and Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved as written.
III. Continuity of Care Workgroup	<p>Christine reported back for the workgroup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group met on Nov. 6 and Dec. 11. Notes from those meetings have been sent via email. • At the first meeting, ideas were pulled together around continuity of care. The group thought about focusing on access to services and the challenges faced by people coming to CSN 1 from other parts of the state to obtain services. • Between meetings, attendees sought feedback from agencies, which were brought to the second meeting. That feed back includes transportation issues, resources for the elderly and barriers at the crisis units due to tual diagnosis issues. • The next workgroup meeting will be held immediately after this CSN meeting. <p>Feedback from those present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We know money/resources are limited. We need to determine what to focus our limited resources on. • Transportation is an important issue.

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<p>IV. Meeting/Activity Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Council • Employment Service Network • Crisis Quarterly Meeting 	<p>Consumer Council</p> <p>Vickie McCarty passed out the Consumer Council's new flyer to those present and provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council has been active providing testimony to the legislature including proposing a 1% sales tax increase to help cover services rather than see additional cuts. More information on the impact of the proposed cuts is on NAMI Maine's website at: http://www.nami.org/MSTemplate.cfm?MicrositeID=186 • The local (CSN1) Council is currently suspended until more consumers can be recruited. Vickie needs the help of agencies in CSN 1 to recruit those consumers. She passed around a sheet asking for contact information and received that information. • The Council's new website will be up and running soon. The Council is also on Facebook, twitter and MySpace. <p>Employment Service Network</p> <p>Christine, as representative of the host agency, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin McBreaity is the new employment specialist for CSN 1. He previously worked as AMHC's employment specialist. • The goal this fiscal year for CSN 1 is to have 16 placements. The previous employment specialist had already obtained 2 placements, leaving 14 more for the goal. • Justin is working on getting the Needs for Change Scale out to agencies to use during intake. The phrase "meaningful activity" is being used instead of "work", which is creating less anxiety. • There continues to be 5 slots open for non-host agency consumers. There are meetings being held with other agencies to fill those slots. • The next Employment Network Meeting in CSN 1 is Feb. 25. • Justin is also facilitating groups around CSN 1. • Contact for employment services is Gayla Dwyer: 498-2528 or gdwyer@amhc.org • Sue reported that VR long term supports is not in the current budget cut list. • Christine explained that the difference between the AMHC employment specialist position and the Employment Network employment specialist position is the funding source for the position. <p>Crisis Quarterly Meetings</p> <p>Christine reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly meetings for crisis & emergency services at local hospitals and law enforcement continue. These meetings are taking place at the individual hospitals and are open to the public and consumers. • They have been reviewing response time to crisis with the gal being one-half hour. • They are strategizing how to keep people in crisis out of the emergency room such as using the peer line and crisis hotline. • Also working to reduce stigma around mental health in the community. • There is a proposal to have one large meeting with everyone in the CSN once a year in place of the separate meetings in that quarter.

V. Other	<p>Sue announced a new web-based training to be released soon for hospital staff. ACTION: Sue will notify CSN 1 members when this training goes live and will provide the web address for it.</p> <p>PNMI INTERNAL WORKGROUP Scott Kilcollins reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group meets on Mondays and is gathering information on PNMI's. That information is to be used to incorporate statewide the best practices that are used locally. <p>PNMI PROVIDER QUARTERLY MEETING Scott Kilcollins and Sue reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group met last Friday (1/22) to answer questions from providers. Community Rehabilitation Services (CRS) was discussed. This is a step-down from PNMI care. A waiver process to allow others to use CRS is in the final process. A memo will come out soon in regards to this. There is a flat rate of \$76.76 per day, but there may be a 10% rate cut during the budget process. At this time, CSN 1 does not have a CRS provider. If CSN 1 wants this service, they should ask a provider of the service to bring it to CSN 1. Otherwise, the consumer would have to relocate further south where this service is available. Contact info for CRS providers in the Bangor area include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Health & Counseling Services (CHCS): 947-0366 Charlotte White Center: 564-4299 Those at the meeting also reviewed the "back end" of Daily Living Supports at Alternative Services-NE, Inc. The next meeting of the PNMI group will be April 9, 9am at Pooler Pavillion in Bangor. <p>Changes at Acadia Hospital Sue reported that Annette Adams' position at Acadia has been eliminated. Acadia has also started their new Observation Unit to help reduce demands for services at local emergency rooms. Currently they have 3 beds, but will have 10 beds before long. Please contact either Sheila Thibodeau or Marsha Bean at Acadia Hospital for more information on this service.</p>
VI. Public Comment	There was no public comment.
VII. Meeting Recap & Agenda for Next Meeting	<p><u>Meeting Recap</u> See ACTION item above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue will notify CSN 1 members when this training goes live and will provide the web address for it. Next meeting is at ACAP in Presque Isle on April 22, 2010, 9am to 11am.